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LCO No. 1095



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO THE POLICE OFFICER
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-291c of the 2016 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

4 (a) No law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, shall hire
5 any person as a police officer, as defined in said section 7-294a, who
6 was previously employed as a police officer by such unit or in any
7 other jurisdiction and who (1) was dismissed for malfeasance or other
8 serious misconduct calling into question such person's fitness to serve
9 as a police officer; or (2) resigned or retired from such officer's position
10 while under investigation for such malfeasance or other serious
11 misconduct.

12 (b) Any law enforcement unit that has knowledge that any former
13 police officer of such unit who (1) (A) was dismissed for malfeasance
14 or other serious misconduct, or (B) resigned or retired from such

15 officer's position while under investigation for such malfeasance or
16 other serious misconduct; and (2) is an applicant for the position of
17 police officer with any other law enforcement unit, shall inform such
18 other unit and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council of
19 such dismissal, resignation or retirement.

20 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any police officer
21 who is exonerated of each allegation against such officer of such
22 malfeasance or other serious misconduct.

23 (d) For purposes of this section, (1) "malfeasance" means the
24 commonly approved usage of "malfeasance"; and (2) "serious
25 misconduct" means improper or illegal actions taken by a police officer
26 in connection with such officer's official duties that could result in a
27 miscarriage of justice or discrimination, including, but not limited to,
28 (A) a conviction of a felony, (B) fabrication of evidence, (C) repeated
29 use of excessive force, (D) acceptance of a bribe, or (E) the commission
30 of fraud.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	7-291c

Statement of Purpose:

To require a law enforcement unit to inform the Police Officer Standards and Training Council about a former police officer's dismissal, resignation or retirement under certain circumstances if such unit knows such officer is applying for a position as a police officer.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]